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Dear Sir:-

Re: Alleged scratches on Mrs. Hall's
face, etc.

I interviewed Loyal T. Ives of 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, N. J. Ives informed me that between 3 and 4 P. M. on the Saturday afternoon that the bodies of Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills were discovered, he drove his aunt, Miss Amelia Ives to Mrs. Hall's home. He used a Ford coupe. On his arrival at the residence of Mrs. Hall, he and his aunt were shown in to the drawing room, and he was in the company of Mrs. Hall for at least fifteen minutes; that during that time he had an opportunity to observe Mrs. Hall and he is positive that she had no scratches or bruises about her face. He said, of course, she had been crying, which, of course, was only natural. As he entered the house, he states that one of the Carpenter boys was on the front porch. He does not know which one. While he and his aunt were talking with Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Clarke entered and wanted to go to the Church and also to Mrs. Mills' home, whereupon Iver volunteered to drive her. She might have mentioned the nature of the errands, which she desired to do, but Ives took no particular notice of what she said. He and Mrs. Clarke proceeded out into the yard, entered Ives' car and he drove out to Nichol Avenue, then to George Street and down George Street to the Church. Mrs. Clarke entered the Church and a few minutes later came out. He does not know whether or not she was carrying anything, and in fact did not take any particular notice of it. After this he drove down George Street to the side street on which the Mills family resided at that time, and let Mrs. Clarke out in front of the Mills home. He does not recall the street on which the Mills' home was located at that time. Mrs. Clarke entered the Mills' home, and as he recalls it, he left her there and proceeded alone to Mrs. Hall's residence where he met his aunt and drove her back to their home. He was also present at the funeral services. He said that he observed Mrs. Hall on that day, and that her face was covered with a heavy black veil. He informed me further that on Monday, Sept. 20th, in his absence, Captain Walsh visited his home and inquired for him. Again on Wednesday while Ives was away, Walsh made a second visit. At that time he made inquiry at the house as to whether or not Mrs. Hall had called him up to do some errand for her. He believes that his folks informed Walsh that as far as they knew, she did not. They did